



National Commission on the Future of the Army
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SUBJECT: National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA) Minutes from Engagement - 4 JUN 15, NCFA interaction with Deputy Secretary of Defense

Date: 4 June 2015

Time: 1330 - 1415

Location: Room 3E944, Pentagon

Format: Classified discussion -two Commissioners with Deputy Secretary of Defense

Attendees:

HON Robert Work – Deputy Secretary of Defense
Mr. Ed Koucheravy, Director, Land Forces Division, Office of Secretary of Defense CAPE
Office of Secretary of Defense Legislative Affairs
GEN (R) Carter Ham, Chair, NCFA
HON Hale, Commissioner, NCFA
Mr. Don Tison – Designated Federal Officer
MG (Ret) Ray Carpenter – NCFA Staff Executive Director
Mr. Rickey Smith – NCFA Staff Director

Documents Submitted to Commission: None at this meeting

Meeting Summary

HON Work was not able to attend May 19, 2015, closed meeting due to mission demands. This closed meeting was a makeup session from the May 19 event. Topics included Defense Guidance, Force Requirements, and Operational Readiness. An aggregated summary of the meeting follows:

DFO explained the Federal Advisory Committee Act provisions. NCFA Chair described the Commission's mandate and provided a brief review of meetings and site visits conducted to date: closed and public meetings May 19 and 20, 2015; Hawaii site visits May 28 and 29, 2015. Chair also explained upcoming June 9 and 10 site visits in North Carolina.

Discussion ensued on the future fiscal environment and risks involved with declining resources. HON Work discussed the Army's Aviation Restructure Initiative in the context of developing the Department of Defense Program.

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HON Work explained anticipated choices for Department of Defense in this year's Program development based on alternative future operational environments.

Potential congressional actions for base budget and overseas contingency operations funding were also discussed.

HON Work requested that Commissioners reengage in August 2015 for further discussions on the DoD way ahead.

The meeting closed with all parties promising continued coordination.